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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Secretary of Defense

ATTENTION : General Graves Erskine
Assistant to the Secretary of Defense
(Special Operations)

SUBJECT : CIA Interest in Project GRANDSON

1. For the past year, officers of the Central Intelligence Agency have followed with great interest and attention the various proposals growing out of project GRANDSON (formerly GOPHER), developed under project KEYSTONE. If the GRANDSON program can be successfully carried out, the results should be most important in the gathering of new intelligence.

2. In addition to the intelligence value of project GRANDSON, however, there would appear to be certain psychological and political warfare gains of significance that might accrue.

3. For these reasons, the Central Intelligence Agency has a continuing interest in project GRANDSON. We believe it to be a promising and potentially most important undertaking. We hope that it will continue to enjoy Department of Defense support. The Central Intelligence Agency will do what it can to be helpful in the progress of project GRANDSON.

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C. P. Cabell
Lieutenant General, USAF
Deputy Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Secretary of Defense

ATTENTION : General Steves Erskine
Assistant to the Secretary of Defense
(Special Operations)

SUBJECT : CIA Interest in Project CHANDOK

1. For the past year, officers of the Central Intelligence Agency have followed with great interest and attention the various proposals growing out of project CHANDOK (formerly GOPHER), developed under project EISENHOWER. If the CHANDOK program can be successfully carried out, the resulting product is to be the most revolutionary of recent years in the gathering of new intelligence. should be most important

2. In addition to the intelligence value of project CHANDOK, however, there would appear to be certain psychological and political warfare gains of great significance that might accrue

3. For these reasons, the Central Intelligence Agency has a continuing interest in project CHANDOK. We believe it to be a promising and potentially most important undertaking. We hope that it will continue to enjoy Department of Defense support. The Central Intelligence Agency will do what it can to be helpful in the progress of project CHANDOK.

C. P. Cabell
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CONCURRENCES:

Frank Wisner has concurred in a draft which is, with the change of an adjective, the same as the original attached memorandum

Deputy Director (Plans) Date: 16 Aug 54

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(1) I would prefer to say "most important" in lieu of "the most revolutionary etc." in original language

(2) Frank W. has concurred verbally, having seen this letter in draft form.

This has been amended.

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